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## HOME HEALTH BULLETIN

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### HOME HEALTH AGENCY RATE INCREASES

As previously announced in the Home Health Bulletin Volume 38, number 12, dated August 10, 2015, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, the per visit rate for Home Health agencies was increased to \$77.16. The MO HealthNet Division (MHD) received appropriations through House Bill 11 during the 2015 legislative session to increase the per visit rate for all Home Health agencies.

In addition, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) fee-for-service program maximum allowable rates for home health agencies were increased by one percent (1%). For Home Health claims, MHD will continue to reimburse the lesser of either the provider's usual and customary charge or the maximum allowable amount per unit of service. A unit of service, for both professionals and Home Health aides, is a visit. A visit is a personal contact for a period of time *not* to exceed three (3) hours, in the participant's place of residence. Providers may not bill MHD at a higher rate than they charge their private pay patients.

The current on-line fee schedule reflects these two rate increases.

### MASS ADJUSTMENT OF CLAIMS

MHD has identified paid claims to providers for dates of service on and after July 1, 2015, reimbursed at the lower rates. MHD will process a systematic mass adjustment to correct the reimbursement amounts to providers. Providers will see this adjustment on their September, 2016 remittance advice.

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**MO HealthNet News:** Providers and other interested parties are urged to go to the MHD Web site at <http://dss.mo.gov/mhd/> to subscribe to the electronic mailing list to receive automatic notifications of provider bulletins, provider manual updates, and other official MO HealthNet communications via E-mail.

**MO HealthNet Managed Care:** The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**